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1. US MTN DEL HAS HAD CASUAL CONVERSATIONS WITH VARIOUS EC OFFICIALS DURING PAST SEVERAL WEEKS CONCERNING POSSIBLE CHANGES IN MAKE-UP OF COMMISSION FOLLOWING END OF YEAR TERM EXPIRATIONS. SOME SPECULATION TENDS TO CONFIRM REFTTEL CONCERNING POSSIBILITY GUNDELACH COULD BECOME COMMISSION PRESIDENT. GENERALLY FELT THAT SOAMES UNLIKELY TO BE BRITISH CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENCY IN VIEW OF HIS CONSERVATIVE PARTY AFFILIATION. ALSO GENERALL THOUGHT THAT LARDINOIS UNLIKELY TO BE REAPPOINTED BY NETHERLANDS.

2. ASIDE FROM SPECULATION REGARDING PERSONNEL, US MTN DEL WOULD BE INTERESTED IN USEC EVALUATION AS TO IMPACT OF YEAR AND CHANGEOVER UPON EC TRADE POLICY DURING THE PERIOD BETWEEN NOW AND THEN. FOR EXAMPLE, IF LARDINOIS
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IS NOT TO BE REAPPOINTED IS THIS LIKELY TO HAVE MORE OR

LESS EFFECT UPON HIS WILLINGNESS TO COMPROMISE AGRICULTURAL
ISSUES, OR IS IT LIKELY TO HAVE NO REAL IMPACT AT ALL?
THE SAME MIGHT BE ASKED ABOUT GUNDELACH AND SOAMES IN THEIR
AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY.

3. GALLAGHER (EC) OBSERVED THAT THE EC INSTITUTIONAL STRUCTURE
IS SUCH AS TO MINIMIZE THE IMPACT OF PERSONNEL CHANGES ON
THE COMMISSION ITSELF. HE POINTED OUT THAT NEGOTIATING
MANDATES ARE LAYED DOWN BY THE COUNCIL, THAT THESE WOULD
NOT BE AFFECTED BY PERSONNEL SHIFTS AND THAT ASIDE FROM
MATTERS OF PERSONAL STYLE, EC TRADE POLICY UNLIKELY TO BE
MUCH AFFECTED BY WHATEVER CHANGES MAY OCCUR.E4. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY
THOUGHTS MISSION CAN OFFER ON
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